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Subject: Injection Wells on West Maui

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Dear Mrs Rumrill,

My understanding is that injection wells have been studied and implemented for a long time. However there are some criterias that **must** be met for a successful implementation. One of them is that the wells must be in a stable geological zone and thousand feet underground according to a EPA study: [http://www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/pdfs/study\\_uic-class1\\_study\\_risks\\_class1.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/pdfs/study_uic-class1_study_risks_class1.pdf). It seems to me that having the wells on Maui at 100 to 150 ft in a earthquake zone is clearly not appropriate. The risk that our drinking water is tainted is not small.

Furthermore, the entire system on West Maui seems clearly not being able to cope with the wastewater load. Living nearby we are constantly subjected to a horrible smell. The government made clearly a mistake by authorizing the development of Westin and Honoua Kai on Kaanapali Beach before enhancing the existing infrastructure. We live in USA, the most modern country in the world and we use wastewater plan that are completely outdated.

Thank you,

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